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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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This is the second Office Action **final** for serial number 10/780,253, Table Base, filed on February 17, 2004.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-10, 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,010,922 to Heller et al. (Heller).

Heller '922 discloses a base (12) having an aperture with internal threads (fig. 2); a spider plate (22) having an aperture with internal threads (fig. 1); and a column (10) having an external surface, a first end having threads on the external surface (fig. 2), a second end having threads on the external surface (fig. 2); wherein the base (12) has a central hub surrounding the aperture (fig. 2), and has a plurality of support veins (50); wherein each of the plurality of support veins terminates in a floor pad (90); wherein the central hub of the spider plate is adapted to receive a set screw (28); wherein the spider plate (22) has a central hub surrounding the aperture (fig. 1-2), and has a plurality of support arms (25); wherein each of the plurality of support arms (25) has a plurality of screw holes (36); wherein the central hub of the spider plate (22) is adapted to receive a set screw (fig. 2); wherein the base and spider plate are manufactured from iron, and how the iron is formed is a limitation on the method of making not on the product; and

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wherein the column is a tube, and is manufactured from steel, and wherein the base and the spider plate are unitary structure. However, Heller '922 teaches the previous invention failing to specifically teach a first set screw for engaging the first column end to the corresponding base and a second set screw for engaging the second column end to the spider plate, wherein the set screw is oriented radially to the column end, and wherein the column is adapted to received the set screw.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have first and second set screws at both column ends wherein doing so would provide thereof for superior mounting and to lock the column ends to the corresponding base and spider plate.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heller '922 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,081,012 to Wallace.

Regarding claim 11, Heller '922 teaches the previous invention wherein the column having threads on the external surface on both ends, but fails to specifically teach threads having an adhesive. Nevertheless, Wallace '012 teaches the well-known concept of having an adhesive on threads (fig. 1). Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the threads of Heller '922 with an adhesive on threads as in Wallace '012 so as to provide for superior mounting of the column on a vertically extending object.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed November 21, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With the reference to the office action above, Heller '922 teaches the previous invention failing to specifically teach a first set screw for engaging the first column end to the corresponding base and a second set screw for engaging the second column end to the spider plate. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have first and second set screws at both column ends wherein doing so would provide thereof for superior mounting and to lock the column ends to the corresponding base and spider plate.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd M. Epps whose telephone number is 571-272-8282. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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